

### **REMARKS**

Claim 1 is pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

#### ***Objection to the Disclosure***

In response to the Examiner's objection to the specification, Applicants provide herewith an Amendment to the specification. No new matter has been added. Withdraw of the objection to the Disclosure is respectfully requested.

#### ***Objection to the Drawings***

Figure 4 of the drawing stands objected to because a legend such as --Prior Art—is required. In response, a replacement drawing including the legend is submitted herewith.

Figure 3 of the drawing stands objected to because reference numeral 1 has been used to designate more than one element. Applicant submits that six arrows in the middle of the drawings were used to show the rainwater penetration. In order to remove the confusion, Applicant has removed those arrows. Applicant herewith submits a replacement drawing for figure 3 in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d).

It is submitted that no new matter has been added in the replacement drawings. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

#### ***Conclusion***

Therefore, all objections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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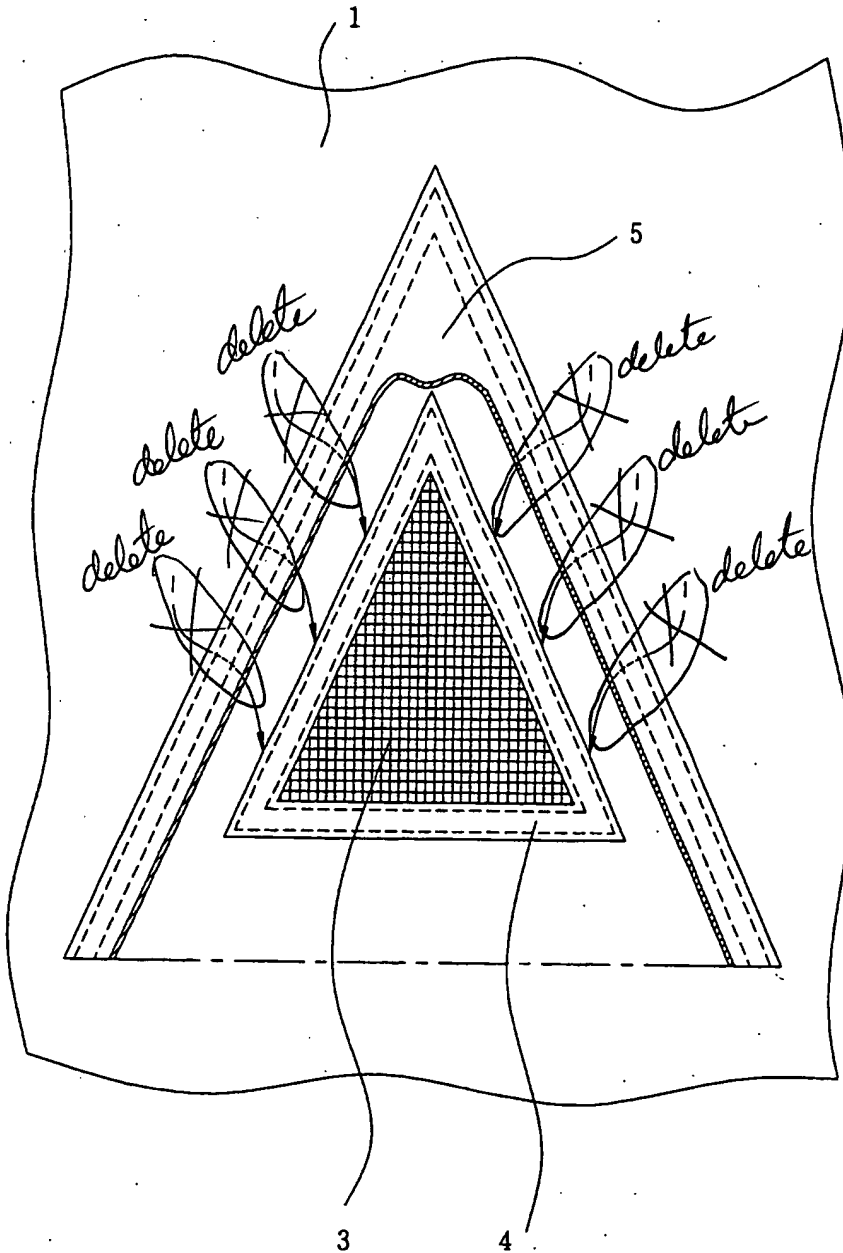
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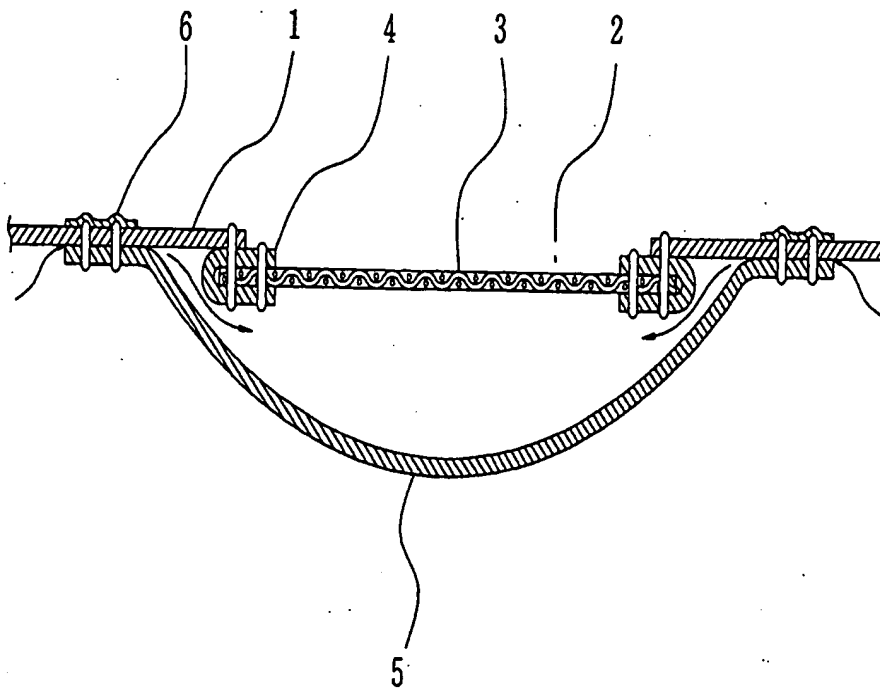
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FIG. 3



PRIOR ART

FIG. 4



Prior Art